

NEW COMBAT LIFESAVER BAG

As a result of new advances in trauma management and feedback from users in the field, the Army has updated the combat lifesaver (CLS) bag. The new CLS bag combines treatment recommendations from the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TC3) panel as well as changes in the program of instruction for CLS providers. Due to the number and type of changes made to the components, the CLS bag now has a new NSN (National Stock Number), 6545-01-532-3674 and a new unit assemblage number, 1245. The Common Table of Allowances (CTA) is updated to reflect these numerical changes. The long nomenclature of this CLS bag is listed as "MES Combat Lifesaver version 2005" to avoid confusion with the previous version, and is populated in the medical databases of Medical Services Information Logistics Systems (MEDSILS) and the Unit Data Repository (UDR).

Components of the new MES, with their corresponding NSN and quantity, are provided in the table below. It is important to note that although a Chitosan bandage is being authorized for inclusion in the Southwest Asia theater, it is NOT currently a component of the assemblage. Also, while the Medical Chemical Defense Materiel items of Atropine and Diazepam remain authorized in the UA and therefore listed, the assemblage will be fielded without those two items. This is to comply with the currently established centralized process for ordering these items. The new components, for ease of identification, are also listed in the "characteristics" field of MEDSILS and the UDR under the above NSN. Due to cost issues, the proposed bag in the assemblage 6545-01-537-0686, BAG, TC3, COMBAT CASUALTY CARE will not be fielded with the assemblage. The components will continue to be issued in the old bag, 6545-00-912-9870, CASE #3 10X4-1/2X18IN.

Hextend will remain a component of the CLS assemblage. This policy has been coordinated with the Office of the Surgeon General. That does not, of course, negate the unit surgeon's authority to replace that fluid with a crystalloid as he deems necessary with regard to his/her CLS providers and the mission. USAMMA/DSCP will not build multiple CLS assemblages with different intravenous fluids. That substitution can be done at the local level. As of now, 03 April 2006, DSCP is filling orders for the CLS bag with the new components.

Information regarding the updates to the CLS bag will be communicated to the field in the following ways: via the USAMMA website and in the appropriate supply bulletin (SB). USAMMA will also try to disseminate via the AMEDDC&S website, appropriate email lists for division/brigade/battalion surgeons, TRADOC, and the AKO homepage. Questions regarding these changes may be directed to USAMMA, (301) 619-4305 (DSN 343-4305).

1245 Combat Lifesaver Bag NSN 6545-01-532-3674

NSN	Nomenclature	U/I	Qty
6545009129870	CASE MEDICAL INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY SET	EA	1
6505009269083	ATROPINE INJECTION AQUEOUS TYPE 0.7ML SYRINGE WITH NEEDLE	EA	5
6505012740951	DIAZEPAM INJECTION USP 5MG/ML 2ML SYRINGE-NEEDLE UNIT AUTO INJ	EA	5
6515015195778	ADAPTER CATHETER TO LUER SYRINGE SHORT LOCKING 5S	PG	2 ea
			1
6510009268884	ADHESIVE TAPE SURGICAL POROUS WOVEN 3 INCHES BY 10 YARDS 4S	PG	roll
6515012331917	AIRWAY NASOPHARYNGEAL 9MM ID 12MM OD KINK RES SMOOTH RD EDGES10S	PG	1 ea
6510002011755	BANDAGE MUSLIN COMPRESSED OLIVE DRAB37X37X52" TRIANG W/SFTY PINS	EA	3
6510009355823	BANDAGE ELASTIC FLESH ROLLED NONSTERILE 6"X 4.5 YDS 12S	PG	1 ea
			2
6510015032117	BANDAGE GAUZE COTTON 6 PLY WHITE 4.5" WIDE 4.1 YDS LONG	RO	rolls
6510014922275	BANDAGE KIT ELASTIC	EA	2
6510005977469	BANDAGE ADH.75X3" FLESH/CLEAR STER DRESS AFFIXED TO PLAS ADH100S	PG	5 ea
6515014841327	CATHETER IV INTROCAN SAFETY 18GAX1-1/4"LG WINGED NDL TEFLON 200S	PG	4 ea
6515011535373	CATHETER-NDL UNIT IV 14GAX3.25" LUER HUB AND NDL GUARD RADPQ 50S	PG	1 ea
6510002017425	DRESSING FIRST AID FIELD CAMOUFLAGED 11.5-12"W 11.5-12"LG ABS	EA	1
6510 15198421	DRESSING OCCLUSIVE ADHESIVE CLEAR 4.75X4" 5S	PG	2 ea
6515014915719	GLOVE PATIENT EXAMINING & TREATMENT SZ 10LG PURPLE 4.3MIL 100S	PG	4 ea
6505014988636	HETASTARCH IN LACTATED ELECTROLYTE INJECTION, 500ML	PG	2 ea
			1 ea
6515014523445	ADMINISTRATION SET INFUSION PUMP VENTED/UNVENTED	PG	
6505001117829	LUBRICANT SURGICAL 5 GRAM 144S	PG	1 ea
6505011978809	ORAL REHYDRATION SALTS USP 27.9GM FOIL PACKET 125 PER PACKAGE	PG	2 ea
6510007863736	PAD ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL IMPREGNATED NONWVN COTTON/RAYON WHITE 200S	PG	6 ea
6510010100307	PAD POVIDONE-IODINE IMPRE STER COTTON/RAYON 2X1.375" BROWN 100S	PG	6 ea
6515009357138	SCISSORS BANDAGE 7.25" LG ANG TO HDL 1.50" CUT LG BLUNT PTS CRS	EA	1
6515014941951	SPLINT UNIVERSAL ALUM 36"O/A LG 4.25"W GRAY & OLIVE DRAB REUSE	EA	1
6515015195872	SYRINGE AND NEEDLE HYPODERMIC SAFETY 3ML 23GA STER DISP 25S	PG	1 ea
6515011467794	TOURNIQUET NONPNEUMATIC ADULT 14X1" BLD TAKING DSGN RUBBER O/A	EA	1
6515015217976	TOURNIQUET COMBAT APPLICATION ONE-HANDED	EA	1
6515015196764	TUBE DRAINAGE SURGICAL PENROSE 1"X18" RUBBER RADIOPAGUE STER 6S	PG	1 ea

Where the unit of issue (U/I) specifies a PG (package), the quantity column denotes the number taken from that package for the assemblage. For example, there are 6 pads isopropyl alcohol from the package in the CLS bag.